

MINUTES  
PAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 18, 2010

Members Present:       Johnny Woodward, Chairman, At Large  
                              Robert Griffith, District 1  
                              Larry Sours, District 2  
                              J. D. Cave, District 3  
                              Jeff Vaughan, District 5

Staff Present:           Dr. Thomas Cardman, County Administrator  
                              Regina Miller, Executive Secretary

Media & Others Present:  75 Citizens

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Johnny Woodward called to order the regular meeting of the Page County Board of Supervisors on May 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Stanley Elementary School, noting a quorum was present. This was followed by the *Pledge of Allegiance* and the Invocation.

**Adoption of the Agenda:**

Chairman Woodward mentioned that since the agenda is lengthy the Closed Session will be removed.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Cave moved to adopt the agenda, as amended. Supervisor Griffith seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Vaughan, Woodward.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Robbie Shenk addressed the Board regarding the possible closure of Grove Hill Elementary School. He said he is the parent of a student at the school and feels the Board is making a mistake by closing it. First, the parents were told that it would cost the County \$440,000 a year to maintain the empty building. Even if the school is closed they will be using the same amount of materials and food at another school, so nothing is changing with regard to saving money in this area. The same children that attend Grove Hill will be going to another school. It would make more sense to take away the programs in the middle schools, which would save \$225,000. He said it would be easier to reimplement programs when the economy improves than to "jerk" the children out of their element and put them back into a different element and do it all over again when the school is reopened. This could be devastating on their grades and mental health. He mentioned also that Grove Hill has the highest SOL test scores of all the schools in the County. The Board should think about this seriously before they make a huge mistake.

Diane Shifflett remarked that on June 16, 2004, Carol Lee Strickler made a motion to appropriate \$40 million for two new high schools and to implement the middle school program; the motion was denied by a 3-1 vote. On August 15, 2006, Mrs. Strickler made another motion to appropriate \$56 million to build two new high schools and implement middle schools; the motion passed by a vote of 5-1. In 24 months, the construction of the two new high schools cost \$16 million more. The problem she has with the cuts is that the Board of Supervisors appropriates a budget amount to the School Board. Why can't the County cut money? Why take it out on the children? The Grove Hill school building will still need to be maintained. She asked the Board to reconsider the budget and the decision to fund the school system.

Justin Shifflett spoke as a student at Grove Hill and has been there for seven years. He said the teachers at the school have told him that the school is closing. If this happens, Shenandoah Elementary will be overfilled. Closing the school is not a good idea.

Lee McWhorter mentioned that eliminating the Emergency Management Coordinator from the budget will only save \$60,000 and eliminating the Environmental Department will only save \$90,000. The Environmental Department has brought in over \$1 million in grants during the past nine years. On the other hand, the Economic Development Department has not brought in anything. There are a lot of people in this County who want Emergency Management and Environmental Services. He said he liked the fact that Environmental Services targeted waste areas along creeks and back roads that were dumps. He asked if the Economic Development Department has brought in jobs. If the Board is going to believe an Acting County Administrator should take charge of this County that the Board was elected to serve and eliminate positions that the citizens want, while at the same time, he wears another hat and tells the Board he is so important and they cannot get rid of him. Lastly, he commented about a letter sent to the Board from the DiMuro Ginsberg law firm that threatens a lawsuit regarding Project Clover. If the County loses, the citizens pay.

Robin Blair commented that her son attended Grove Hill Elementary for the four-year old program. When he started kindergarten, he went to Shenandoah Elementary. Her family then moved back into the Grove Hill school district and without hesitation her son asked to go back to Grove Hill. He has excelled at this school and his grades have improved. She does not know what the answers are for the budget, but closing Grove Hill is not the answer.

Doris Lansberry addressed the Board regarding the EDA and Project Clover. It has been stated that if the County fails to fund Project Clover then the County may suffer the consequences of not being able to borrow money in the future. This is nonsense. The County never signed any documents relating to the purchase of the land. Fact: the EDA entered into a written agreement to buy the land prior to the Board of Supervisors even issuing a Resolution of support. Fact: the 2008 Board Resolution established support and moral obligation, which is non-binding and is not debt. The 2008 Board recognized they could not commit future fiscal year money to pay for the land, and

commit the use of taxing powers to pay for the land. So, how is the County backing out? Fact: the Board gave \$1 million to the EDA so they could pay cash as a down payment to \$7.5 million purchase price, which was taxpayer money. Fact: in return the EDA receives 38.67 acres of land, not the County. Fact: to date, that land has not been released from the deed of trust lien. From the time the \$1 million was given to Ms. Hudson, which was over one year ago, Ms. Hudson has been contractually obligated to sign the release. Fact: the EDA agreed to rework the transaction, if necessary, in order for Ms. Hudson to receive tax-exempt status for the interest earned on a \$6.5 million revenue note. Fact: if the EDA fails to pay the revenue note, Ms. Hudson's sole recourse is to take back the land. This is in the note and the documents. Fact: another failed million or more will be needed to develop the land for use as an industrial park. Where is this money coming from? Fact: if an industry wants to locate in Page County, the 38.67 acres are available. Fact: the land was appraised recently at \$2,525,000 and it was not done by EDA. It was done by a private citizen. She said that prior Boards have made bad investments with taxpayer money, including the purchase of the Atwood property, Bradley property, and others. We urge this Board to discontinue that pattern. Please, no more taxpayer money to the EDA for Project Clover. Put that money to our children's future by funding the schools.

Jo Ann Smeltzer spoke regarding Project Clover. She requested that the Board not give another penny to the EDA for the project. When the Board gives money or land to the EDA, the Board loses complete control of it. To date, the EDA has not forced Ms. Hudson to sign the release for the 38.67 acres. This release is required in her contract with the 38.67 acres that the taxpayers have already paid \$1 million for and the 15 acres set aside for Premier Technical Services. So, the County has more than enough land for the industrial park. There is talk of closing Grove Hill, the school system is furloughing employees, and employees are losing their jobs. We cannot fulfill our current obligations so why are we taking on the EDA's debt. The County made a bad deal by borrowing \$8.5 million to buyout a bad contract with the former landfill operator and then borrowed another \$5 million to clean-up their mess. Even though this Board had nothing to do with making this decision, it was a bad decision. At the budget public hearing on June 1<sup>st</sup>, she mentioned that a group of citizens would like to make a presentation regarding the landfill's consultants and she requested 15 minutes on the agenda for their presentation.

Barbara Coulter stated that she read the letter from DiMuro Ginsberg to the Board and her family shares Mr. Rainwater's concerns regarding Project Clover. The letter makes it clear that this Board can refuse to appropriate funds to support the purchase of the Hudson Property without fear, and with the assurance that a majority of the citizens will stand behind them. She also hopes the Board will address the questions raised about the process the EDA used to move this project along dealing with conflicts of interest, and the violations of various state statutes in the way EDA conducts business. An EDA cannot be effective if they are not trusted. The EDA is a separate body from the County government, nevertheless, its actions reflect on Page County's government as a whole. The good news is that we finally have an appraisal of Project Clover property by a certified general appraiser, and even with the rezoning it's still appraised at \$2,525,000,

not \$7.5 million. From day one, the citizens have questioned how the EDA can purchase land for \$7.5 million without an appraisal. If the USDA is still willing to lend money, despite all of the questions raised about the viability of Project Clover, why don't they have their own independent appraisal done? The USDA should not expect the taxpayers to pay back any loan given to the EDA. She hopes the Board will make every lender aware that this loan is not the County taxpayer's responsibility. This is not a wise investment for the USDA or for the County. She asked that the Board work toward a more open and effective government. Processes have to be transparent and clear to get things done.

Chris Anderson commented that she is the Page County Environmental Coordinator in the Department of Environmental Services, and is slated to be eliminated as of July 1, 2010. This is a huge mistake for Page County. The services offered through the department have benefitted this County for nine years, and she has built the department up from the beginning and is proud of the services offered. She considers protection of the environment to be an essential service. She currently has over \$17,000 in grant funds that she is administering and there is no one on staff capable of meeting the terms for which the grant money was received. She was informed that a private donor is willing to pay \$8,000 toward her salary to keep her in the position. However, these funds will not be given to Page County should the department be abolished. It has taken her nine years working for Page County to be trained and to acquire the skills needed to be as effective as she is in this position. It is short-sighted to invest this much time in an employee and then dismiss them. During her nine years, she has brought in over \$1 million in revenue and in-kind services. Some of her responsibilities include protecting our local water quality and quantity, providing and encouraging the use of the Page County Transit bus, providing individuals who have community service hours to clean up our roadsides, administering the abandoned vehicle program, and cleaning up the illegal dumps. Tourists are drawn to this County because of its beauty and it is beautiful because farmers are on the land. She stated that she represents Page County on nine local, regional, and state boards and organizations in order to bring resources to the County, which helps protect our natural resources. She is completely committed to the position and she continually strives to protect the environment for us living here now and for the children who are growing up. She asked the Board to reinstate the Page County Department of Environmental Services in the fiscal year 2011 budget.

Randy Howan stated that the Board of Supervisors approves the budget for the schools and the School Board has to operate within it. The School Board has presented five options, but it looks like the closure of Grove Hill will be the option chosen. As a resident, \$300,000 is a lot of money, but as a local government it is not. The Board closed Shenandoah Rescue Squad, but in a snap purchased a \$150,000 ambulance and found the funds to pay for two employees. When we need the money we find it from somewhere, as we have seen with Project Clover. He stated that Grove Hill has the highest SOL scores of all the schools in the County, yet its closure is being discussed. When more children are added to the other elementary schools, it will lower



the scores because there will be a higher student/teacher ratio. It will then affect our quality of education and quality of life in our County.

Lesley Clem commented that he thought he would never see the day where operations at Grove Hill are suspended. This County has had several major embarrassments and now we are looking at closing a school after opening two new high schools. The School Board and Board of Supervisors need to find a common ground and come together. He said Grove Hill is an icon and the County needs to do what is necessary to keep it open.

Kathy Mason stated that she is the parent of a child at Grove Hill Elementary. She asked the Board to do more to represent and fight for the schools to stay open. The children support our community. Everyone present is a taxpayer and they support the County. It has been known for over three years that the County would be faced with this issue. Before her family moved here from Denver, Colorado, she looked up the school system and found that Grove Hill is rated number one in Page County and Rockingham County. She loves this County and does not want her children going to Shenandoah or Stanley Elementary, because they are already overcrowded. There is an incredible staff at Grove Hill. She asked the Board to do what they have to do to come up with \$300,000.

Michelle Freeze addressed the Board regarding the possible closure of Grove Hill. The teachers are being furloughed and now we are asking them to take on more students. The children are our future and they need the attention and education to carry on through Page County. The parents want to help the Board find the money. Don't take it away from our schools. She asked the Board to look for the funding somewhere else than the schools.

Gene Stewart said that he is the County Emergency Manager slated to be cut June 30<sup>th</sup>. He has served as a fire and rescue volunteer for 32 years. Six years ago, the Board was proactive in hiring an Emergency Manager/911 Director/Fire and Rescue Coordinator. Then, the Board said the job was too much for one person and hired a County Fire and Rescue Captain and he served on the interview panel assisting and hiring that person. Two years ago, the Board chose to transfer his position from the Sheriff's Office to the County. One month ago, his position was placed under Fire and Rescue, and Emergency Management was eliminated. Then, on May 14, 2010, he was informed by the County Administrator that the Department of Emergency Management was going to be cut from the budget and there would be no emergency management; however, he was later told by the Supervisors that they were instructed to make a cut and it was up to the County Administrator to make the choice. He then reviewed his accomplishments during the last six years. He said he has maintained a dynamic leadership role throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The County became the first National Weather Service Storm Ready Community in the Shenandoah Valley, and this must be maintained by an Emergency Manager, if the County wants to keep the certification. He said he also initiated the first mass notification system in the County, through a \$30,000 grant. He noted that even though he is being let go with his 32 years of experience, the County is still hiring EMT's with less than one year's experience and

spending over \$10,277 a month on the EMT's. He indicated that he asked to be allowed to stay employed as an EMT for the County, but was told he could not. He then asked who will maintain the functions of the Emergency Manger when he is gone, and said that according to state law, the County Administrator will. The County Administrator, by state law, will be the Emergency Services Director. He asked the Board to reconsider his position.

Marshall Hobson commented regarding Shenandoah Rescue Squad. He said he is the only volunteer member of the Squad who is willing to come forward and tell what is happening in the organization. He said he was asked to leave the Squad, for no other reason than Mr. David Huffman did not want him there. The County and the state are not ganging up on the Squad, but are trying to fix what is broken and dangerous.

Chairman Woodward clarified that the Board cannot close or suspend operations at the schools. This is a decision of the School Board.

## **ACTION MATTERS**

### **E911 Ordinance Amendment:**

### **EXHIBIT A**

Dr. Cardman reminded the Board that this ordinance amendment has been discussed at several meetings and a public hearing was held in April. The issue with the amendment is Section 127-11 Enforcement. He reviewed that the change to this Section would be to strike the first sentence of the section which reads: *Failure to post address numbers shall be subject to a misdemeanor penalty.* This language would be replaced with: *The willful failure to post address numbers shall be subject to a civil penalty of Twenty-Five Dollars.*

### **Motion:**

Supervisor Vaughan moved to eliminate Section 127-11 Enforcement from the ordinance. Supervisor Sours seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Vaughan, Woodward.

### **Motion:**

Supervisor Vaughan moved to approve the E911 Addressing Ordinance amendments, as revised. Supervisor Sours seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Vaughan, Woodward.

### **Proclamation Honoring Jacob Smith:**

Dolores Lackovitch, Shenandoah River Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), presented a Proclamation to the Board for consideration to declare June 19, 2010 as Jacob Smith Day in Page County and to coincide with the dedication and patriotic marking at his gravesite in Jollett Cemetery. She noted that Jacob Smith and his wife Winna were honorable and worthy citizens of Page County. Jacob's mark on this country's freedom and area religion are still enjoyed by Page County citizens today. She said that this is expected to be one of the largest ceremonies honoring a Revolutionary War soldier ever held in the Valley. It is a shared event with descendents of Jacob Smith, the local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and two local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution. A marker, she said, will be

placed on his gravesite by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Following the ceremony, a reception will be held in Shenandoah and she invited the Board members to attend. Mrs. Lackovitch then gave a brief background on Jacob Smith and requested the Board to proclaim June 19 as Jacob Smith Day.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Cave moved to adopt the Proclamation declaring June 19, 2010 as Jacob Smith Day in Page County. Supervisor Vaughan seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Vaughan, Woodward.

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PROCLAMATION DECLARING SATURDAY JUNE 19, 2010  
"JACOB SMITH DAY" IN PAGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, Jacob Smith and his wife Winifred were residents of the area that became Page County in 1831 near the Town of Shenandoah, Virginia and that he lived within the area until his death, that records of his life and his will are kept in the Page County Courthouse, that he and his wife, their children, and thousands of descendants have richly contributed to the spirit of this area and many are Page County citizens today;

WHEREAS, Jacob Smith served for three years and five days in the 11th Regiment of Virginia Riflemen in the Continental Army during the War for Independence from which service he was honorably discharged;

WHEREAS, Jacob Smith fought under the command of General George Washington at the pivotal battles of Trenton and Princeton and at the critical battle of Saratoga during the American Revolutionary War;

WHEREAS, Jacob Smith signed the December 11, 1791 Memorial of the Free Men of Rockingham urging the Virginia Houses of Assembly to pass an amendment of the Virginia Constitution;

WHEREAS, Jacob Smith signed the 1795 petition to the House of Assembly urging that funds be allocated to "repair and keep in repair" the roads in order to promote commerce in the area;

WHEREAS, Jacob Smith signed the December 11, 1797 petition to the General Assembly which stated that citizens had "emigrated from Germany previous to the contest between Britain and America and in the service of America have fought and bled" and urging the government provide copies of the laws in German so that citizens could have a "complete obedience to the Laws" of the Commonwealth of Virginia;

WHEREAS, on Saturday, June 19, 2010, Jacob Smith's descendants, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution are honoring Jacob Smith's life and his contributions to our country's independence and freedom;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Johnny Woodward, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Chairman of the Page County Board of Supervisors and by virtue of the authority vested Board by the Commonwealth of Virginia do hereby proclaim June 19, 2010 as Jacob Smith Day in Page County, and urge all our citizens to celebrate the life and remember the sacrifice given by our Patriot for our freedom.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Page County, Virginia to be affixed this eighteenth day of May, the year of our Lord two thousand and ten.

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**Maintenance Contract/Ray Painter:**

Dr. Cardman informed the Board that a written request was received from Ray Painter to lease county owned property (former Atwood property) for agricultural purposes. He said this is a standard practice the County has entered into in the past with Mr. Painter and other individuals. The contract would be of no cost to the County and the Attorney will draw up the appropriate contract which protects both Mr. Painter and the County for any liability. He noted that he will need to check with the Town of Luray to see what they will allow on the property since it is located within the town boundaries.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Cave moved to approve the maintenance contract with Ray Painter for use of county property (former Atwood property) for agricultural purposes. Supervisor Vaughan seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Vaughan, Woodward.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:**

Supervisor Sours moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Financial reports for the period of April 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010;
- Accounts payable checks, payroll checks, payroll direct deposits, and payroll tax related electronic fund transfers totaling \$1,317,359.14;
- Minutes of March 30, 2010, April 13, 2010, April 15, 2010, April 20, 2010, April 22, 2010, and April 27, 2010.

Supervisor Cave seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Vaughan, Woodward.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business for the Board to consider.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business for the Board to consider.

**Recess:** The Board took a brief recess at 8:33 p.m.

**Reconvene:** Chairman Woodward reconvened the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

### **INTERVIEWS OF DISTRICT 4 SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES:**

Chairman Woodward mentioned that Mr. Terry Bolyard, who is a candidate, was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior arrangement to go out of the country. Mr. Bolyard's interview was held on May 13, 2010. He then introduced the other candidates for the seat: Darrell Short, Roger Dovel, Paul Price, Geraldine Cubbage, Raymond Kite, Ralph Mowry, and Richard Kibler. As the Board proceeds with the interview process, each Supervisor will rate each candidate on a scale of 0 to 4. After the interviews, he will have the scores tallied and whoever receives the highest score will be the next District 4 Supervisor. The individual selected will serve until the special election on November 2, 2010. The person elected in November will then serve the remainder of the term through December 31, 2011.

#### **Richard Kibler:**

I was born and raised in Page County and am a Republican. I believe the smaller the government the better. So, I am sympathetic to the cuts the Board has to make and I believe we should live within the budget. I have some concerns with the chains of authority within the County government. I have some experience with VDOT where I had some issues with getting decisions from the County, and in almost all of the instances; the staff said the decision had to come before the Board of Supervisors. The County Administrator needs to raise issues to the Board of Supervisors, if the Board is, in fact, the decision making authority and he needs to provide the pros and cons on the decisions they make. Judging from some of the decisions the Board has made over the last few years, they have not been given adequate information to make these decisions. My feeling, if the Board sees fit to have me join as the District 4 Supervisor, is to work to try to get these things done. If you don't see fit, I hope you will listen to me and take some of these things on your own initiative. We are going to be faced with a crisis when the next real estate assessment comes in because the properties in the County will definitely drop in value. The Board will either be faced with having to raise taxes significantly, find other sources of revenue or do some shifting. The Board has taxed personal property too much, and I think you need to look at some of the other options.

Supervisor Sours: What are some of the other things besides personal property that can be taxed?

Mr. Kibler: If you look at every utility bill, communication bill, and television bill, there are state and local taxes. Is this coming back to us? We should explore the possibility a homestead exemption. This exemption usually works where there is a small amount of a real estate tax on a home, if it is occupied by the homeowner. This would help people who are on fixed incomes. This exemption would



also raise the tax rate for the portion that is not exempt and would have to be done in order to balance the books. It also taxes the property of those people who live outside the County, but have property in the County, at a higher rate than the people who are actually occupying their house. This should be considered. There is also a provision with the military installations where the federal government made payments in lieu of taxes to those localities that bordered the military installations. We need to explore whether or not this is being done in Page County. If it is not, we need to raise this issue with the agencies that manage the land as well as with our Congressman to see that it is done.

Supervisor Cave: If you had been sitting in the District 4 chair, would you have voted to approve the Fibrowatt measure or not?

Mr. Kibler: Fibrowatt did not belong in Project Clover. You don't take something that burns chicken manure to generate electricity and put it on the County's prime real estate. It could have been feasible in the County if it were placed next to the landfill. The Board needed a lot more information than they received. The prevailing winds needs to be addressed. The Board also needs to keep on top of the regulatory agencies because they have the capability to regulate any discharges, except smell. The Board should also play a part in the permit review. If I was sitting in the District 4 chair and all my friends in Page County said they did not want Fibrowatt, I would vote against Fibrowatt.

Supervisor Cave: What is your position on Project Clover? Would you suggest we continue along that path or would you be in favor to stop the Project?

Mr. Kibler: The Board needs more information. I am not in favor of buying any real estate without a certified appraisal. If your signature is not on the bottom line, then I would dump the Project. If your signature is on the bottom line, then I would insist the Economic Development Director aggressively market the property.

Supervisor Cave: If you are the appointee, would you plan to run for election in November?

Mr. Kibler: Yes.

Supervisor Cave: If you are not the appointee, would you plan to run for election?

Mr. Kibler: Probably not.

Supervisor Vaughan: Given the challenge of generating revenue in the County, what is your feeling on a generous annual tax increase?

Mr. Kibler: I am not in favor of the tax process. Taxes should be fair and equitable. The new assessments should be reviewed and then the Board should

consider the absolute liabilities. A value analysis should be done on every function supporting this government and if something is not giving added value, you should abolish it.

Chairman Woodward: The Board often is in the hot seat and is blamed for actions they do not do. The budget is an annual process and next year's budget is uncertain because of the major reductions made this year, which is not satisfactory to the citizens. How do you propose to balance the budget?

Mr. Kibler: I would look over the operation of solid waste disposal in the County. I would want to be sure the landfill is operated properly and in accordance with its permits. I would also want to make sure there is some money being set aside for opening a new cell so we are not faced with borrowing money. In addition, I would have the Director of Public Works provide an assessment on where the landfill stands each month. I would look at each department because a one person department is stupid. However, the person and function should be assigned within another department.

Mr. Kibler: In closing, I hope the Board takes some of my suggestions to heart and implement them in the County. The Board is capable of making decisions but you have to make sure you are receiving the correct information to make them. The Board, he said, should also get rid of the standing committees that are not really performing any function. One of those is the Economic Development Authority. In the past 30 years, we have lost 10 industries for every one we gained. This is not a good track record.

**Raymond Kite:**

The County is in a crisis and the Board has their hands full. I think I can contribute to this Board. I have served on the Board previously and have experience. I have worked with some good Board members. I have a good working relationship with people and I can assure you that I will be honest and straightforward. Sometimes I might be disagreeable but I will work with you. If I am appointed, there are some serious issues we will have to deal with. I have been to a few Board meetings and it seems as if you do not want to make a decision or be honest with people. When somebody asks me a question, I am going to tell them the truth. The people deserve to know the truth.

Supervisor Cave: Had you been sitting in the District 4 chair, would you have voted for or against Fibrowatt coming to Page County?

Mr. Kite: With trucks hauling trash into the County, I would have been absolutely against it.

Supervisor Cave: If you are the appointee to sit in the District 4 chair until November 2<sup>nd</sup>, will you run for office in the November election?

Mr. Kite: Yes, whether I am appointed or not, my intentions are to run.

Supervisor Cave: Would you run as an Independent?

Mr. Kite: It does not matter if I run as a Democrat or an Independent, but I will run.

Supervisor Vaughan: Are you in favor of Project Clover?

Mr. Kite: No.

Supervisor Vaughan: In reference to education versus taxes, if you had to make a decision to continue funding education and the only option available to the Board would be a tax increase, would you be in favor of it?

Mr. Kite: In my opinion, we have cut everything possible. If the School Board makes further cuts they will not meet state accreditation. The bottom line is that we are in a crisis. There is only one way we can go. If we don't do something financially as far as taxes we will be back here next year doing the same thing and next year it will be Springfield Elementary School the Board will want to close. When it comes to kids and funding education, then I would say yes to raising taxes.

Chairman Woodward: Your statement is wrong. You cannot dictate to the School Board to close a school.

Supervisor Sours: The night of the Board's tax rate decision and during the previous month, all the phone calls I received was people pleading not to raise taxes. I knew in my heart that night the Board had to increase the rate by 5¢ to 6¢ or make cuts, but the people told me not to raise taxes. It was a hard decision but I voted not to raise taxes. When I look back on it, I should have. The turnout tonight is great, but where is the turnout when we need it at major times. A Supervisor is supposed to listen to his constituents, but it is a hard decision when your conscience tells you to do something else. The best thing I have found is to listen to all the facts and try to make a decision that is sometimes not sensible. A lot of the constituents are now telling me the Board should have raised taxes. So, what is the answer?

Mr. Kite: The answer is that I do not want to see Grove Hill School closed.

Supervisor Sours: During the talks, this option was never relayed to the Supervisors from the School Board. I found out about Grove Hill when I read it in the newspaper.

Mr. Kite: When raising taxes, you have to put it on the line with people that our choices are the future of our children and schools. We have to explain these things to people in that manner. The Board has cut the budget to bare bones and they do not have any options left. If you don't do something, next year may be worse.

**Ralph Mowry:**

I appreciate the opportunity to interview with the Board. I have lived in the County for 40 years and in District 4 during that time.

Supervisor Cave: Had you been sitting in the District 4 chair, would you have been in favor or not of Fibrowatt locating in Page County?

Mr. Mowry: No, but if it could service the local poultry farmers in supplying their need to generate electricity, that would be fine. If we had to truck in 90% of the material to the County, then no.

Supervisor Cave: If you are the appointee, and you had to make your decision now, would you decide to be a candidate in November to run in the election to keep that position?

Mr. Mowry: Yes.

Supervisor Cave: Would you run as an Independent, Democrat, or Republican.

Mr. Mowry: Republican or Independent.

Supervisor Cave: If you are not the appointee, would you decide to run?

Mr. Mowry: I might consider it.

Supervisor Vaughan: Are you in favor of Project Clover?

Mr. Mowry: What I know about it right now – no, but I don't profess to know everything about it.

Supervisor Vaughan: As far as taxation versus education, if it comes down to a decision to increase the tax base to support education, are you in favor of tax increases?

Mr. Mowry: I am for education.

Supervisor Sours: I did not think Fibrowatt was the best thing for Page County, but I wanted to hear all the facts and that did not happen. Fibrowatt probably was not a good choice for Page County. What bothered me was the message we sent to other interested parties. Do you think the Board should jump at decisions or investigate them?

Mr. Mowry: You need to investigate all decisions made for the simple reason of knowing all the facts. One thing that scared me about Fibrowatt was some of the places they had gone into and had not lived up to their obligation and were basically run out.

Supervisor Griffith: Can you give us a brief explanation of what you bring to District 4 as a Supervisor?

Mr. Mowry: I was born and raised on a farm and still maintain that farm in Augusta County. I now work for the Department of Transportation (VDOT) and have been there for almost 24 years and I manage a budget that has to last from July 1 to June 30. I make sure I spend money wisely and that the money allotted to Page County is spent in Page County. I bring this expertise to the Board. Even if we agree to disagree, we cannot close the line of communication.

Chairman Woodward: Your office just experienced a tremendous budget cut and was closed. You have also experienced a layoff of over 300 people with VDOT. The Board is required by law to balance the County's budget, regardless of what it takes. How do you feel about dealing with a budget that affects people you live beside?

Mr. Mowry: It started out that VDOT had a large group of hourly workers and they were the first to be cut. This is one of those things where you have to face it and do it. We have to do what has to be done.

Supervisor Cave: Do you think you can devote the kind of time that is required to the position with your full-time job?

Mr. Mowry: Yes.

Mr. Mowry: I appreciate the opportunity to be here. I hope I answered the questions to your satisfaction. I want to work for the people in District 4 and serve them and the County.

**Geraldine Cubbage:**

I love this County and have a passion for it. I am proud of our schools and what we have done. The new high schools are wonderful and they give so many opportunities to our children. The renovation of the old high schools to the middle schools has provided a great atmosphere for the sixth through eighth grade students. By building the new schools, hopefully we will be able to attract businesses to come in. Businesses look at schools when considering locating to an area. We need to work with the farm bureau, farmer's association, and local farmer's market. These are all avenues to bring in revenue to Page County. We need to work with our state and federal governments to attract new businesses and to keep the present businesses we have. We need to see what kind of grants, aids and incentives we can get in order to promote our area. We need to work with the railroad system to see what we can do to entice businesses and provide some of those services. We need to talk and listen to the citizens of Page County. I am not trying to compare myself to my husband, Gerald, because he was his own person, just like I am, but he had a lot of good ideas. I would like to be able to help carry on with some of his visions and ideas. We need to look at our youth; they are our future. We need to work to create jobs for them that will make them want to stay here.



We have to try to work together and the communication line needs to be open. I feel like I could bring some experience to the Board. I have working experience with private and public business. We had a family business in farming and excavating for over 40 years. I have also worked in private businesses and have had local government experience. The Board has a difficult decision and it is not a good budget year for anyone.

Supervisor Cave: Had you been sitting in the District 4 chair, would you have voted in favor of Fibrowatt coming to Page County or not.

Ms. Cubbage: I know the basics; I do not know the whole story. I would like to see anything that promotes and helps our farmers. I don't know the whole history on the company nor the location or how they were received in the areas they had plants. I would need to read the materials, research it, and make a fair judgment. We are one of the largest agricultural counties in the state.

Supervisor Cave: If you are the appointee, and you had to decide this evening, about whether you would seek to be a candidate in the general election in November, would you decide to run and be on the ballot.

Ms. Cubbage: Absolutely.

Supervisor Cave: Would you run as a Republican, Democrat or Independent.

Ms. Cubbage: Republican.

Supervisor Cave: If you are not selected as the appointee, would you also run in the fall.

Ms. Cubbage: I would have to give it serious thought. A lot would depend on what I feel like the person does that is appointed.

Supervisor Vaughan: Are you for or against Project Clover?

Ms. Cubbage: It is a good idea, but not at this time. There should have been more research. \$7.5 million is a lot of money.

Supervisor Vaughan: If you were challenged on the decision as far as funding education and the option was to increase the tax base, are you for or against increasing the tax base to fund education?

Ms. Cubbage: I am all for education. The youth is our future and if we do not educate our youth the way they need to be educated, then we don't have a future here because they will leave. I am on a limited income, like many other retired people, but if this is the only way to fund education then I would have to pay it.

Chairman Woodward: As you know, the state requires us to balance the budget and this requires doing many things you don't want to do. We have had to eliminate positions we did not want to consider. We had to cut the School Board that we did not want to consider, but we had to. How would you feel about balancing the budget and doing what it takes to do so?

Ms. Cubbage: We have to balance the budget and it is not an easy decision. You have to do whatever you feel is right for the citizens of Page County. If you make the cuts then you have to find a way to live with them. I would go back and look at the budget line item by line item. I would go back and look at the ranges of spending for past years and see if there is anywhere to cut.

Supervisor Cave: At one time you were employed by the County of Page, did you retire?

Ms. Cubbage: I transferred and became the Treasurer for the Town of Shenandoah and retired from there.

Ms. Cubbage: I thank you for giving me this opportunity. It was a tough decision for me to make. Youth is one of my passions. I have volunteered for a lot of youth groups and organizations. Even when I did not work for the County, I attended Board meetings and have attended School Board meetings for years. I like to stay involved.

**Paul Price:**

I have lived in District 4 for my entire life and I have been on the Planning Commission for 1 ½ years. I work at Southern States but I also farm about 100 acres and this is an important aspect of this County. I graduated in 1997. Why would I want this job? The reason I want this job is because I want the best for this County and the future. We often spend too much time looking backwards. It is good to look at your mistakes and think about them but we need to look to the future and think about who it will affect. I love this County and the people in it. I think my biggest goal would be to open the lines of communication. We may have different ideas, but we are all on the same team and we all should be fighting for the same things. We have to try harder to communicate, but it has to start with the Board.

Supervisor Cave: Had you been sitting in the District 4 chair, would you have been in favor or not of Fibrowatt locating in Page County?

Mr. Price: I never felt there was a decision before the Board on whether or not to allow them to locate here. I understood that it was an informational meeting. If I had to make a yes or no decision that night, there was no way I could have and there was no way the other Board members could have made a decision on it. It was worth looking into.

Supervisor Cave: If you are the appointee, and had to make the decision tonight, will you be a candidate in the fall election for the rest of the term of Mr. Cabbage?

Mr. Price: It is my intention to do so.

Supervisor Cave: Would you run as a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

Mr. Price: Independent.

Supervisor Cave: If you are not the appointee, would you consider running for office in the fall?

Mr. Price: Definitely. It depends on who is appointed and who else is running.

Supervisor Vaughan: Are you for or against Project Clover?

Mr. Price: I am furious about the amount of money paid for the land, as well as other land the County has purchased. However, you should not walk away from paying a debt that you have agreed to pay.

Supervisor Vaughan: As far as taxation when it comes to education, if you had to make a decision after all the cuts have been made and the option is to either increase the tax rate or reduce education. What is your decision?

Mr. Price: You can never reduce education. A tax increase is way down the list of options, but it is always a valid option. The future is what is most important and you cannot sacrifice the quality of education.

Supervisor Griffith: For me it is challenging to have a full time job and serve as a Board member. How do you feel you can handle the time commitment it takes to be a Supervisor, if you are appointed?

Mr. Price: I will have to make the time, but I know how to put priorities where they belong.

Supervisor Cave: As a member of the Planning Commission, there was a section in the subdivision ordinance where a parcel could be divided once every two years and the Commission suggested that it be changed to once every five years. I think you were in favor of the five years; why?

Mr. Price: I don't feel good about that decision. It is not a perfect solution, but the issue we were trying to deal with was by-right subdivisions. There is a subdivision ordinance and if someone wants to put in a subdivision they can do it and go by the ordinance. I am for landowners rights, but we all live in this community

together and we all have to try to work with each other and do what is best for the County. The subcommittee spent countless hours working to come up with this. This is why I supported it.

Chairman Woodward: How do you propose to help balance the budget for next year?

Mr. Price: I have the least knowledge on this. Taxation should be way down the list, but it is always a possibility. Maybe realigning how the taxes are collected would be fair for everyone. With the budget the Board is dealing with, it will likely be the hardest thing this County will see because of the amount of cuts. Eliminating positions and jobs will be way down my list. Sometimes you have to make those decisions. I will ask for outside opinions and help to balance the budget.

Mr. Price: Given the fact that this appointment is until November, I hope this does not take the pressure off the Board to make the best decision. Gerald was a fine man and had confidence in me or he would not have appointed me to the Planning Commission. I am a farmer even though I have to work off the farm to support my family. Over half the revenue in this County is from agriculture and it is very important to this County. The farmers need to be represented on the Board. We have to open the lines of communication for the sake of the people. It is our duty to try to make it more transparent. If I was not a candidate, I would have to support Darrell Short. He is a fine man and if the Board cannot accept me, then as a citizen I would support him. Thank you for your time and for your service.

**Roger Dovel:**

I was born in Page County and I am here to serve.

Supervisor Cave: Had you been sitting in the District 4 chair, would you have been in favor or not of Fibrowatt locating in Page County?

Mr. Dovel: Based on the information I got, which is very little, I would probably vote against it because of the transportation and environmental problems it could cause.

Supervisor Cave: If you are the appointee, will you be a candidate in the election in November?

Mr. Dovel: Yes.

Supervisor Cave: As a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

Mr. Dovel: Independent.

Supervisor Cave: If you are not selected as the appointee, would you still consider running as a candidate in the fall election?

Mr. Dovel: Yes.

Supervisor Vaughan: Are you in favor of or oppose Project Clover?

Mr. Dovel: I don't know all the details, but I do know that we paid too much for the land. Somebody needs to explain to the people of Page County why that much was paid for the land. If there is anyway legally to get out of the contract, we should get out of it.

Supervisor Vaughan: As far as education and taxation, if you have a decision to make cuts to education or increasing the tax base, would you be in favor of a tax increase?

Mr. Dovel: I would not raise the personal property or real estate taxes because they are too high in this County already. The Board needs to make some tough decisions. The School Board has as much responsibility to cut as the Supervisors. If they would come back to the Board to cut the school they would have to show me how much it is saving by closing the school. The School Board could look for cuts in their own budget.

Supervisor Griffith: What experience do you bring to the table for the position of Supervisor?

Mr. Dovel: I have a BS in management from Virginia Tech. I have a banking certificate from the University of Virginia and worked at a bank as a loan officer for 17 years and have reviewed many budgets. I have owned and operated a business in this County so I have a feel for what it takes to run a business. I was born and raised on a farm and I see a lot of their point of views.

Supervisor Sours: You were one of the first names that I was introduced to. What brought you forward so quick to want to help the County?

Mr. Dovel: This County needs help. If things were going good I would not be here, but changes need to be made.

Chairman Woodward: We have had a tough time with this year's budget and are coming to a close on it. How do you feel about raising taxes to balance the budget?

Mr. Dovel: From day one, I will begin to study the budget and would request the revenue on taxes from the Commissioner's Office to see where all the revenue is coming from and see if there is any way to increase that revenue. We have other taxes to look at than real estate and personal property. We cannot automatically raise these taxes because we have been doing that for the last 20 years and have got in trouble. We have to support the schools. This is the main thing we tax people for. My last resort would be to raise taxes.



Mr. Dovel: I am proud that eight people came forward and wanted this position. This shows me that the people in this County are very interested in what happens and that they want change. They do not want wasteful spending. The Board has a hard job, but by this many people coming forward, take notice of what they say.

**Darrell Short:**

I am a product of Grove Hill and graduate of Page County High School. This County means a lot to me. I am also a graduate of Virginia Tech in agriculture. I thank the many people who approached me and asked me to be a candidate. This shows me that there are people who care and are taking an interest. Why am I doing this? I have chosen to do this for the children and their future. I often come to these meetings and see older folks and they are lobbying for what suits them and this is great and I respect that, but we need to see young folks get involved. I have to be thinking 50 years into the future and make decisions.

Supervisor Cave: Had you been sitting in the District 4 chair, would you have been in favor or not of Fibrowatt locating in Page County?

Mr. Short: This is old business and it is over, but when I make a decision I try my best to get all the facts and information. I may make a wrong decision and may not have all the facts that I could have received but I try to my best to get it. A mistake was made on this because for some who wanted to get information and find out about the project were not able to get everything needed. I certainly had some questions, good and bad. The fact is that we were cut short. Generally, I supported the idea but I think there were a lot of misrepresentations. Frankly, there were some lies told about what it was but there were a lot of things we needed to check into in terms of environmental impact.

Supervisor Cave: If you are selected as the appointee for the District 4 seat, and you had to make the decision tonight, will you be a candidate in the election in November to keep that seat?

Mr. Short: That would be my intention, because it would be damaging to have a high turnover. If I feel it is affecting my family or my children, then I would absolutely not run.

Supervisor Cave: Would you run as a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

Mr. Short: I would run as an Independent. The reason is because we have some extremely tough decisions to make and I don't want there to be any feeling of undue influence.

Supervisor Cave: If you are not selected as the appointee, would you still consider running as a candidate in the fall election?

Mr. Short: Yes. I would want to see who the appointee is and if I felt like they were doing a good job, then, no, I would not run.

Supervisor Sours: Over the years, as bad as we need a county office building, and as many times as Boards have changed their minds, in your opinion, do you think any of the plans would be successful?

Mr. Short: In regard to the existing County Office Building, I would take off the cupola because it could be used somewhere else. Then the building should be demolished and the Strickler property behind the building should be purchased and used for parking. Also, tear down the County Administration Building and build a complex. This makes more sense because it would be nice to have everything in one complex. However, the cost will not allow this to happen. When the economy recovers, we need to market the property on Route 211 (former Atwood property) because we do not need dead assets accumulating.

Supervisor Vaughan: Are you for or against Project Clover?

Mr. Short: It is my opinion that we need space for a business to locate that has the zoning in place, with the necessary infrastructure, either in place or nearby, that it can be installed quickly. The Board knows what a hassle it is to get land rezoned. This is how we will attract business because businesses now want a place to locate. So, it is important for the County to have it. In general terms, the most important thing we can do is economic development, nationwide, statewide, and countywide. We spend millions of dollars educating our children but we don't have any opportunities to keep them here. Next, we need to proactively seek business for the size and scope that are appropriate for the County. Then we need to make sure those businesses share in the tax burden and provide high quality employment for future generations. I believe that too much money was paid for the land and it is a shame because it could be a good project. I know the attorney for the EDA and he is a good man with impeccable character and I do not believe that he would allow any of this to be done in an unscrupulous manner. I am not going to be able to tell you exactly how I would vote because I would need to see a second independent appraisal. We need to know what it is worth. I would need to know if the County or the EDA is in conversation with any other business. If they are, this will make a difference. We need to know the effects on the County's future ability to borrow. I need to know if there has been an attempt to renegotiate this in any way with the seller about allowing the EDA to have more time to work on getting business as the economy recovers. Another question is, has the EDA attempted to purchase an option on the property while they work with businesses. There are other ways we could look at this. It does not have to be all or none. Where is the 38 acres going to be; how useful is it going to be? If we are going to walk away from this, I need to know that the citizens are content with high unemployment and that they are prepared to pay higher real estate and personal property taxes in the coming decades. We need something to share this tax burden. We cannot keep going to the farmers and increasing their real estate. It is hard to say how I would vote because there are a lot of things we need to look at and many questions need to be answered. I

am in favor of having a business park in the County and I stand behind it 100%. The only way we can pay for things is if we have revenue generators that help share the tax burden.

Supervisor Vaughan: You have made some comments that are logical and the Board can take that into consideration. However, when you get in the hot seat it comes down to, you know what funding is available, and when you have to fund a project within the parameters. When it comes down to the 12<sup>th</sup> hour you need to make a decision and you will definitely upset folks. I am respectful of your comments as far as economic development and I think all the Board is well aware of what we need to do, but there are financial limitations. When you are presented with a decision to make, yes or no, then this is what separates the financial requirements of the County and it is not an easy decision. When it comes down to funding education and the only option is to look at what tax base we have and increase taxes or reduce educational funding, which direction would you take?

Mr. Short: First of all, we need to look at our taxation. The assumption is that we can raise taxes on real estate or personal property and there it is. I'm talking about creating revenue generators and some of them are tourism based. We need to be looking at how we can make those assets pay for us. I believe that our taxation needs to be more targeted. What is wrong with paying a little for what you use if you can keep the base rate low and spread it out?

Chairman Woodward: As you have seen on the Planning Commission, these positions take a lot of time. How do you feel about the time that needs to be put forth on the Board? This is not a job you do for the pay, but for the concern and the citizens of the County.

Mr. Short: I am fortunate that I have my own business and have flexibility and I can work these things in.

Supervisor Cave: In December 2009, the Board had a matter before it regarding the subdivision ordinance change from the Planning Commission. The change was from being able to divide a parcel of land every two years to once every five years. You were part of that decision on the Planning Commission. I am not sure how you voted, but I think you were in favor of that measure. If so, can you explain your rationale?

Mr. Short: I was not in favor of it. I believe there is a problem with subdividing. I don't feel this is appropriate in agriculture land. It takes good land out of agriculture and makes it into lots. Another problem is that you don't know where a subdivision is going to happen. I had a problem with the ordinance amendment because it also applied to family divisions and this is why I voted against it because that is a different issue. There are alternatives. You can rezone your property into a Class A or B subdivision and it would make it easier to create those small lots.

Mr. Short: I believe in production agriculture in this County and I strongly support it. It is an important part of our economy. Tourism is the same way; it is an integral part of our economy. I also believe that it needs to be paying its way. I don't believe that tourism itself, in its current form, will sustain us, so we have to be thinking of the future. If anything changes, like the poultry industry leaving Page County where does that leave us? I think we need to look at something that is higher paying and more professional type jobs than tourism jobs. Regarding education, I believe in small community schools. I don't believe that more money equals better education. Again, I don't think it's sensible to provide the best educational opportunities and send the best and brightest away to work because there are no opportunities here. Something we need to be careful of is grants. We seem to have this assumption that we are getting something for free or cost shared but we need to be looking into the future at what it will cost to maintain the free stuff. In closing, I hope that whoever is appointed you will publicly work with them and give them your support. We have to stop the clashing of the Board and Planning Commission or School Board. We are all in this together and we need to work together and fix the issues together. In speaking for every person in this room, please pick the right person. If it's not me, that's fine.

After the Board's interview with Mr. Short, Regina Miller and Carol Gaunt, General Registrar, tallied the scores for each candidate.

### **SUPERVISORS TIME**

Supervisor Griffith thanked everyone for staying through the end of the meeting. The Board has faced a lot of tough decisions and we do not take it lightly.

Supervisor Sours thanked that the lady and gentleman who stepped forward wanting to help Page County.

Supervisor Cave said it is always good to see folks from Districts 3 and 4 come to Stanley Elementary School. Thanks for being here and for staying through the meeting. The Board wants to work with the School Board, Planning Commission, and Economic Development Authority, but we have been painted as the bad guys on the Grove Hill School issue and that was not the Board's decision. We never said close Grove Hill School. The Board does not micromanage the Sheriff's Department, school system or any other department; we allocate the funding and those folks decide how they will spend their money.

Supervisor Vaughan thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Cutting employees who are committed to performing their job and duties for the County is extremely difficult. Even though the Board cut the costs in these areas, there will be an unemployment tax due in the end. This Board is challenged not to spend money but to appropriate it where it is necessary. We feel like we have made the best decisions with the current economic conditions. More cuts may be necessary next year. Regarding Project Clover, everyone has an opinion, but this Board will make a decision based on the financial condition of this County. There are so many available sites and opportunities, but the Board has to be realistic, especially when it comes to funding.

This Board has to spend and budget within its means. He said he does not like to see the Board displace employees who have been so committed to the County. He also expressed concern about what is going on in the Shenandoah Rescue Squad and said no one realizes the expense this is placing on the County. He mentioned that the Board will make decisions that the citizens will not support but hopefully in the end it will be what is best for the County. We need to form more continuity throughout all aspects of our government and agencies in the County. We have a lot to be proud of in Page County.

**Vote on the District 4 Supervisor:**


**EXHIBIT B**

**Motion:**

Supervisor Vaughan moved to appoint Darrell Short as the District 4 Supervisor, based on the Board's rankings. Supervisor Cave seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Vaughan, Woodward.

**Adjourn:** 11:13 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Woodward adjourned the meeting.

  
Chairman



**RESOLUTION**

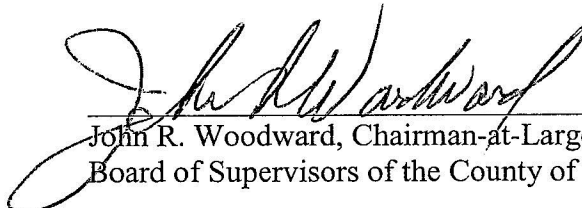
WHEREAS, On April 6, 2010, the Honorable Gerald M. Cabbage died while holding the office of Supervisor, District 4, Page County, Virginia, having been previously duly elected to that office on November 7, 2007 and installed, after taking his oath of office on December 27, 2007; and

WHEREAS, § 24.2-228 (A), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, provides that when a vacancy occurs in a local governing body, the remaining members of the body, within forty-five days of the office becoming vacant, shall appoint a qualified voter of the election district in which the vacancy occurred to fill the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, after due deliberation in open session, the name of Darrell I. Short, a qualified voter residing in District 4, Page County Virginia, was placed in nomination and duly seconded for the interim appointment to fill the vacancy in the office of Supervisor, District 4, Page County, Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT **Darrell I. Short**, 258 Riverside Drive, Stanley, Virginia 22851, a qualified voter residing in District 4, Page County Virginia, be, and he is hereby, appointed to fill the vacancy which exists in the office of Supervisor, District 4, Page County, Virginia which term shall continue until a successor has been duly elected and has taken the oath of office required by law.

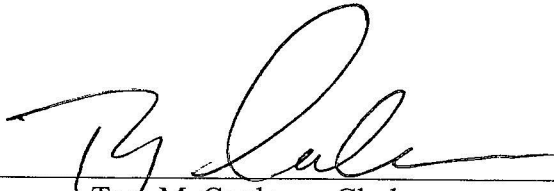
The Clerk shall certify a copy of this Resolution to all State and local officials, as required by law.



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John R. Woodward, Chairman-at-Large  
Board of Supervisors of the County of Page, Virginia

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Tom M. Cardman, Clerk

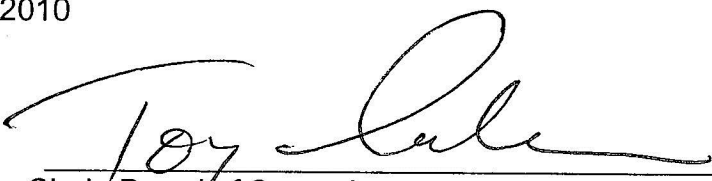
**CERTIFICATE OF VOTES**

The undersigned Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Page County, Virginia, hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution constitutes a true and correct copy thereof adopted by the Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting duly held and called on May 18, 2010. A record of the roll-call vote by the Board of Supervisors is as follows:

NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
John R. Woodward, Chairman-At-Large	✓			
Robert E. Griffith	✓			
Larry A. Sours	✓			
J. D. Cave	✓			
Vacant				
Jeffrey P. Vaughan	✓			

Dated: May 18, 2010, 2010

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Clerk, Board of Supervisors  
Page County, Virginia